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## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR ALTO RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION**

**ALTO, TEXAS, October 5, 2005**— Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that Alto Rural Water Supply Corporation has been awarded \$2,041,000 through the agency's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program. The funds will be used to improve the existing water plants and distribution system to comply with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations and plan for future growth. The project will add 60 miles of new distribution lines, install larger pumps in two existing wells, and construct a new elevated storage tank. These improvements will allow the system to be in compliance with TCEQ requirements for volume and pressure.

"One the renovations are complete, Alto Rural Water Supply Corporation will service 1,239 customers in rural Cherokee County," said Daniel. "It is time to update, improve, and expand this system so that all households will have the chance to experience efficient water supply."

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs provide funding for construction, improvement, or expansion of water and waste disposal systems, telecommunication and education resources, and necessary community facilities.

USDA Rural Development's Water and Wastewater Program is designed to bring fresh, clean, drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operating on a non-profit basis, and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Henderson local office at 903-657-8221 Ext. 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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